

STATE OF ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2011

The Social Work Licensing Board met Monday, April 11, 2011, in Room 200 of the Attorney General's Offices at 323 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairperson Nancy Streit, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Nancy Streit

Sandra Brown

Kelley Williams

Kaylynn Barrett

Laura Printz

Tealisa Allen

Mae Isom

Steven Domon

Board Members Absent:

Betty Rhodes

Approval of Minutes:

Laura Printz made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 board meeting. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Complaint No. 2010-21:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-05:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-06:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-07:

Tealisa Allen reviewed the complaint and information investigated on complaint 2011-07. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that the complaint be dismissed.

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Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-09:

A hearing on Complaint 2011-09 is scheduled for May 9, 2011.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-10:

The Executive Director reported that this complaint is ongoing.

Update on Complaint No. 2011-11:

Kelley Williams reviewed the complaint and response on complaint 2011-11. Based on the information gathered, she recommended that hearing be held. Sandra Brown made a motion to hold a hearing on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 9:00. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Scope of Practice Question:

The Social Work Licensing Board met on March 14, 2011 to review a question presented by Meredith Clemmons, LCSW, on writing orders. At the request of the Board, Ms. Clemmons and Debbie Deacon, LCSW along with Dr. Michael Fischer were present to answer questions. No determination was made at this point since this is not currently covered in the Board's Law's and Regulation's. The information presented will be reviewed when the Board considers revisions.

Board Reviewed E-therapy:

A question was asked about the Board's stance on providing E-therapy. The individual who asked the question was not presented and has not presented any correspondence for the Board to consider so this matter was tabled.

Update on School of Social Work and NASW Visits:

The Executive Director, Ruthie Bain, visited the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Little Rock to speak to candidates for graduation regarding the licensing process and functions of the Board. Nancy Streit, Chairman of the Board, Sandra Brown, LCSW and Ms Bain visited with the candidates for graduation at Arkansas State University of Jonesboro. Ms. Streit, Ms. Bain and Kaylynn Barrett, LCSW spoke at the NASW Spring Conference regarding the process for licensure and supervision requirements. Ms. Streit also shared a letter of thanks from Richard Freer on behalf of ASU graduates.

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Board Reviewed Continuing Education Audit for Marianne Hooker:

Marianne Hooker was selected for audit of the courses she listed for renewal of her social work license. Ms. Hooker failed to submit a certificate for one 45-hour course that made up the majority of her hours or clarification of the three (3) hours of Ethic training. Laura Printz made a motion to allow Ms. Hooker 90-days to replace 29.5 hours, three of which must be Ethics. Twenty-Eight of those hours must be face-to-face. Sandra Brown seconded the motion, which carried.

Review Question From John S. Fray:

John Fray had written the Board requesting provisional license at the MSW level while his university was under the accreditation process. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to deny Mr. Fray's request. Should Mr. Fray have additional information regarding the accreditation process he wishes the Board to review, he will need to submit it. Mae Isom seconded the motion, which carried.

Review New Complaint;

The Board received one new complaint since the last Board meeting. Sandra Brown, LCSW, reviewed the complaint and response. Based on the information received and the social workers response, Ms. Brown recommended a hearing be held. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to schedule a hearing for July 11, 2011 at 11:00. Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Reviewed Possible Changes to the Laws and Regulations:

The Board is in the process of reviewing the current Laws and Regulations. This process is ongoing.

Review of Standing Financial Reports:

Tealisa Allen, LMSW, reviewed and approved the Warrant Detail Report, ASWB Exam Candidate Log, Leave Report, Refund Report and Trial Balance Reports. These reports were from March 2011. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Sandra Brown seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Applications:

Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve the action taken on the applications for licensure.

LSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to Take the Exam:

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Jeffery Carlson

Miranda Blair Pieroni

Approved to take the Exam:

Mary E. Bolden

Marsha Kay Hays

Kimberly Renea Palmer

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

Denied Applications:

None

LMSW Applications:

Provisionally Licensed and Approved to take Examination:

Castain Alfred, III

Frances Elaine Brecher

Candace Benham Johnson

Melanie Amelia Richardson

Approved to take the Exam:

Stephanie A. Mobley

Rochelle D. Rdeus

Crystal Dinesse Watson

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

Janice J. Wheeler

Denied or Pending Applications:

None

LCSW Applications:

Approved to take Examination:

Sylvia L. Medlock Forte

Carol L. Gray

Lisa L. Hughey

Elizabeth Pullam New

Angela Faulkner Moore

Karnilla Anne Schingoehte

Susan Huffmaster Okroglic

Tessa Riffell

Justin G. Tedesco

Jonathan Dwight Watts

Amanda L. Self Karen J. Womack

Approved for Licensure through Reciprocity:

None

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Kaylynn Barrett seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Renewal Applications:

The Board reviewed 45 applications for license renewal. Dr. Steven Domon made a motion to approve 40 of the renewals. Five (5) of the applications are pending clarification. Kelley Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

Action Taken on Continuing Education Audits:

The Board reviewed 24 continuing education audits. Kaylynn Barrett made a motion to approve 21 of the audits. Five (5) of the audits are pending additional information. Tealisa Allen seconded the motion, which carried.

Other Business:

There being no new business, Kelley Williams made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Steven Domon seconded the motion, which carried.

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